



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Proposed Ratification of Amended Bylaws for the Eastside Task Force

MEETING DATE: March 2, 1994

PREPARED BY: City Attorney

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Council consideration and possible ratification of amended bylaws for the Eastside Task Force.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In March of last year, the City Council ratified bylaws for the Eastside Committee. It is now the desire and recommendation of the committee that certain changes be made to streamline operation and facilitate smoother functioning of the Eastside Committee Board of Directors

The changes recommended deal primarily with reduction in the size of the Board of Directors from fifteen to nine members, and the designation of the meeting day for regular meetings.

The Board has recommended that the reduction in board size be accomplished through attrition. This would mean that over the next few months, as directors either resign or their terms expire, that they would not be replaced. Once the Board gets down to nine members, it would then continue functioning on the same basis as before. The attached amended bylaws would accomplish that goal.

FUNDING: Not applicable

Respectfully submitted,


Bob McNatt
City Attorney

BM:pn

CCEASTSD.IMP/TXTA.01V

APPROVED _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



recycled paper

EASTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Citizen Volunteers Fighting Crime, Drugs, and Blight

RECEIVED

P.O. Box 2445
Lodi, Ca. 95241
(209) 368-8848

February 7, 1994

TO: Lodi City Council
FROM: Virginia Snyder
RE: Request to downsize board of directors

Since we constantly look for ways to improve our operation, we respectfully request consent to reduce the number of our Board of Directors from fifteen to nine.

We currently have twelve Board members who are all active and productive, and we would regret losing any of them. Things change, however, and when vacancies do occur, we would not plan on filling them until we've reached the target of nine positions. We will await the council's decision before filling the three existing vacancies.

As you know, vacancies are time consuming and decrease our efficiency. Once we've accomplished the desired reduction, we intend to do a better job of screening applicants in the future before we recommend them to you for consideration.

We feel that a smaller number of directors would be less cumbersome and would not affect our mission. We are now using board members for specific duties which could just as easily be handled by volunteers from the community at large.

If you consent, we would like to:

1. Through attrition, reduce Board of Directors to nine members;
2. Retain President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President as executive committee;
3. Amend our By-Laws to reflect this change.

Any suggestions you may have will be much appreciated. We're still learning!

Sincerely,



Virginia Snyder

BYLAWS OF

THE LODI EAST SIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

Under the auspices of the City of Lodi, there is hereby created the Lodi East Side Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The East Side Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and the appearance of Lodi's East side, by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community. The "East side" shall refer to that area generally bounded by Sacramento Street on the west, Highway 99 on the east, Turner Road on the north, and Century Boulevard on the south.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/PURPOSES

- A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers or Neighborhood Watch.
- B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of property on Lodi's East side with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business and government.
- C) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire, and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by East side property owners, residents, and businesses.

- D) To coordinate with churches, civic and community groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.
- E) To work with the business community to encourage a healthy business climate on the East side.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General membership shall be open to all persons.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective April 1, 1994, the fifteen (15) person Board of Directors established by City Council action on March 17, 1993 shall, by attrition, be reduced to a nine (9) member board. Such attrition shall occur by resignation or expiration of terms of directors currently serving. During the transition, a quorum of the Board for voting or meeting purposes shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one of all directors then serving on the Board. After transition is complete, directors shall continue to serve three year staggered terms, based on their original date of appointment.

SECTION 3. SUBCOMMITTEES

There may be as many subcommittees as deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish any specific goal to be achieved by the Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall consist of a President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. These three officers may appoint a Secretary and/or Treasurer. The initial President shall be Virginia Snyder, First Vice President John Young, and Second Vice President Virginia Lahr. New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in March.

SECTION 2.

The President shall serve as spokesperson for the Improvement Committee and liaison with the Lodi City Council.

SECTION 3. ATTENDANCE

Any officer or Board of Directors member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without the consent of the Board shall be deemed to have vacated the office.

ARTICLE V

FINANCIAL MATTERS

SECTION 1. REVENUES

All revenues of the Improvement Committee shall be administered through a trust bank account, to be monitored by the City of Lodi and into which all donations, gifts, or other revenues raised by the Improvement Committee shall be placed. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board, subject to City Council overview.

SECTION 2. AUDITING

The trust fund account for the Improvement Committee shall be audited as part of the City's regular annual audit.

ARTICLE VI
TERM OF EXISTENCE/DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. CONTINUOUS OPERATION

The East Side Improvement Committee shall continue and be permanent until dissolved by action of the City Council or the Improvement Committee Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII
BOARD PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. PROCEDURES

After the transition described in Article III, Section 2 above is complete, five boardmembers shall constitute a quorum and may conduct business at any regular meeting. A majority of those present may act by affirmative vote. No proxy voting is allowed.

SECTION 2. MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month, on the first Thursday of each month, at a location to be determined by the Board and opened to the public. Special meetings shall be held as necessary. All meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §54950 et. seq.).

SECTION 3. COMMUNICATIONS

All external communications to the public or media shall be through or authorized by the President, or in his/her absence, by the Chair.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

These Bylaws shall constitute the empowering documents for the East Side Improvement Committee and may be revised by the City Council or a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at a regular meeting previously announced for that purpose, subject to ratification by the Lodi City Council.

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON MARCH 2, 1994, RATIFIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON _____, 1994.

PRESIDENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BOB McNATT
CITY ATTORNEY

EASTTF.1/TXTA.01V